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INVITATION TO BID

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROJECT

SUBJECT: Contract No. 11-00-072 – WBS Element Nos. Various

Tree Service Work to consist of the Pruning or Removal of Trees using sound, established arboricultural principles from highway rights of way along State Maintained Roads Upon Request on various routes in Division Eleven

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the above-mentioned project located in Division 11. The Contractor shall furnish labor, material, equipment, and traffic control.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation does not exclude any person from participating in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by this program on the basis of race, color, sex, political affiliation/influence, or national origin.

SBE PROGRAM INFORMATION

This is a SBE contract and to qualify for the NCDOT SBE Program a firm must have an annual gross income of \$1,500,000 or less, exclusive of materials. Only contractors currently certified as a SBE Contractor by the Contractual Services Unit of NCDOT and listed in the Directory of Transportation Firms at the time of the bid opening will be eligible to bid on this project.

Prospective bidders who qualify for the SBE Program and are not currently certified should submit a completed application packet prior to bid submittal to allow time for review. The application packet and additional information on the program may be obtained online at:

www.ncdot.gov/business/ocs/sbe/

Per G. S. 136-28.10, a North Carolina General Contractor's license may be waived for SBE contracts. For this project, the North Carolina General Contractor's license will be waived.

Per G. S. 136-28.10, contract payment and performance bonds may be waived. For this project, the contract payment and performance bonds will be waived.

CONTRACT TIME

The period covered by this contract will be from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2012.

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BID OPENING

Sealed bids must be received in the **Eleventh Division Office at 801 Statesville Road in North Wilkesboro** by **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2011**. Bids must be submitted on the official bid sheet, submitted with the entire proposal, and display the following statement on the front of the envelope:

QUOTE NO. 11-00-072 – DIVISION ELEVEN TREE SERVICE N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JOE LAWS, PE, DIVISION PROJECT MANAGER 801 STATESVILLE ROAD P. O. BOX 250 NORTH WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 28659

DIVISION CONTACT INFORMATION

In order for Prospective Bidders to be eligible to bid on this project, the Prospective Bidders must notify Joe Laws, PE, Division Project Manager, at 336.903.9138 or by email at jlaws@ncdot.gov. Prospective Bidders may request copies of the bid package or download and print the bid package from the Division 11 Purchase Order Contract website at: http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/operations/division11/Openbids/default.html. Only Prospective Bidders, who are bidding as Prime Contractors, should provide notification or request bid packages. Subcontractors and suppliers may view and download bid information from the website.

There will be no cost for bid packages. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

Joe L. Lows

Joe L. Laws, PE

Division Project Manager

cc: M. A. Pettyjohn, PE, Division Engineer

B. W. Whitaker, PE, District Engineer

I. H. Dishman, PE, District Engineer

D. J. Tetzlaff, PE, District Engineer